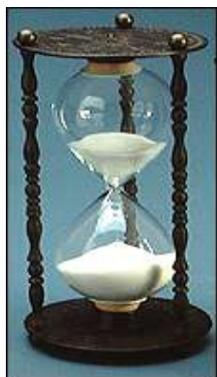


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Important Announcement:

In the light of a review of the HGRG's finances at the 2007 Annual General Meeting, the Committee would like to consult the membership about different means of distributing the research group newsletter. While an e-newsletter was recognised as a possible way to reduce newsletter costs it was recognised that not all members would wish to, or be able to, receive a newsletter in electronic format. It was decided that the Committee should continue to issue the newsletter to members as a hard copy, but that members be given the choice to 'opt-out' of a hard copy newsletter if they wished to receive an e-version instead.

If any members would like to receive an e-newsletter and 'opt-out' of receiving a hard-copy, they should e-mail the Membership Secretary Dr David Lambert: d.lambert@rhul.ac.uk

Calls for Papers, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, 27-29th August 2008:

For further details of the conference please see RGS-IBG website:

<http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+International+Conference.htm>

Elemental matter: gardens and the geographies of horticulture

Organiser: Dr Amanda Claremont and Prof Andrew Church, University of Brighton

The session would aim to map a historical geography of the garden by drawing out critical discourses of this much-loved space.

Historically the garden has often been portrayed as a space of leisure and pleasure, but the garden is also a productive space of work and growth. Whether public or private, the garden resonates with colonial and postcolonial significance and with the classic sociological themes of class, race and gender. In addition, the garden's extensive commodification in recent years, adding value to house prices and arguably also to social life, also warrants closer study.

Why is the garden such a beloved feature of Anglo-centric urban landscapes? Other cultures are less invested in this form of green space. With the advent of mass-house building in the early twentieth century comes the private garden, available to all, a new experience for many. Now pressure on urban space and rising property prices threaten a return to gardens only for those that can afford them. Yet ideas of the garden remain laden with cultural narratives of perfection and disappointment, private Eden projects. Can the garden become more universally sustainable as a space of work, play, biodiversity and beauty? Does gardening matter?

We invite papers that consider the bodies, exchanges and trajectories traced in and through gardens, including but not restricted to:

- Garden restoration
- Displacement of people and plants
- Gardening as therapy
- Native/exotic exchange
- The postcolonial garden

- Lay/expert knowledges
- Science and technology in the garden

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

‘Postgraduate research in historical geography’

Organiser: Merle Patchett (University of Glasgow)

This session aims to provide an informal and relaxed forum for postgraduates undertaking research in historical geography to present at a major conference. Building upon past successful HGRG postgraduate sessions, it is hoped that a friendly and supportive atmosphere will produce stimulating debates on the issues raised and provide postgraduates with helpful feedback on their work. There is no chronological or geographical limit to papers and they can be variously theoretical, empirical and/or methodological in orientation. Papers are welcomed by postgraduates at any stage of research, though those in the latter stages are particularly encouraged to present their results.

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

Uncertainty and Inference in Historical GIS

Organisers: Richard Healey and Humphrey Southall, Dept. of Geography, University of Portsmouth

Historical GIS is a developing sub-field at the interface between substantive quantitative work in historical geography and evolving theories of spatio-temporal GIS. However, a number of obstacles must be overcome before potential synergies between these two areas can be fully realised. Among these are a range of theoretical, methodological and substantive questions that need to be explored more fully. Examples include dealing with imprecise or rapidly changing geographical units or locations for which data are available, data comparability over extended timespans, uncertainty in chronologies of events, sporadic spatio-temporal data coverage and the related problems of utilising GIS methods to make inferences about past economic or social processes, based on very limited or unreliable archival sources. This session aims to provide a forum to discuss both theoretical issues and substantive case studies, either from the UK or further afield.

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

'Indigenous' knowledge, resistance and agency: telling the hidden histories of geographical field science and exploration

Jude Hill (University of Exeter), Lowri Jones (RHUL), Nicola Thomas (University of Exeter)

'Indigenous' or 'non-western' knowledges have been incorporated into the work of geographers for many years. It is well established that despite the myth of the heroic explorer acting independently of local knowledge and circumstances, information gathered from and by indigenous peoples shaped the travels of explorers in Africa and elsewhere, and continues to inform the work of geographers today. However, in contrast to historians of anthropology and of science, geographers have thus far paid surprisingly little attention to the role of indigenous peoples and indigenous knowledges in the history of the discipline (notable exceptions including Bravo, 1999, 2000). Whilst we have emphasised the role of exploration within the history of geography in the above call, we would also be interested in hearing from researchers whose work could add to the discussion of these themes from other relevant perspectives.

- Methodological and theoretical agendas in relation to considerations of 'indigenous' or 'non western' knowledge
- Practices of collecting & constructing the 'non-western' or 'indigenous' knowledges
- The marginalisation and erasure of 'indigenous' / 'non-western' presence and contribution in narratives of scientific exploration
- The hidden or subaltern histories of exploration and its attendant geographical endeavours
- Colonial and other sources (manuscripts, journals, maps, photographs, paintings and objects), as a means to investigate 'indigenous' / 'non-western' agency
- 'Indigenous' / 'non-western' counter-narratives to narratives of colonial science
- The ways in which forms of 'indigenous' / 'non-western' knowledge have been viewed and used by explorers or other geographers
- The role of 'non-western' or 'indigenous' guides, field assistants, porters, interpreters etc. and questions of testimony and trust
- The mediation and reception of 'non-western' or 'indigenous' knowledges as part of the production of geographical science
- Cross-cultural encounters, non-encounters and exchange and how they shaped exploration and its attendant geographical endeavours
- Examples of 'indigenous' / 'non-western' resistance and its effects on exploration and science in the field

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

“Locating Knowledge: alternative spaces, networks and histories” (Sponsored by the Historical Geography Research Group)

Organised by Ruth Craggs and Hannah Neate (University of Nottingham)

Studies concerned with situating knowledge have often considered formal scientific knowledge cultures and their attendant practices, networks and spaces (Withers, 2007, Livingstone, 2003). This session aims to broaden this field to consider both alternative networks and spaces of knowledge production and those with a more contemporary historical focus. Alternative forms of knowledge

production can be thought about as local, national and international in reach, covering the buildings that were used as meeting spaces, social and cultural practices that were fostered in such spaces, and the imaginative practices that were used to promote and/or contest dominant visions of places and spaces.

We are particularly interested in: thinking through artistic, political, historical and geographical forms of knowledge; exploring not only formal governmental, academic or scientific networks but also spaces which fall outside of these categories; and exploring alternative ways of conceptualising the production of knowledge, e.g. via performance, material culture.

Papers are invited on the following themes (this list is not exhaustive):

- Networks of knowledge in provincial towns as well as metropolitan areas
- The creation of artistic, political and social knowledge cultures around certain informal and institutional networks
- Other spaces in which knowledge is produced (libraries, retail outlets, the bar, the home)
- The people involved with circulating ideas through these networks making consideration of the specificities of class, gender and ethnicity
- The sociability of knowledge and the practices that went alongside knowledge production (conversation, interaction, publication)
- The applicability of current theoretical approaches to these alternative spaces

If you are interested in presenting a paper in this session, please submit a title and abstract (of no more than 250 words) to Ruth Craggs (LGXRC1@nottingham.ac.uk) or Hannah Neate (LGXHLN1nottingham.ac.uk) by Friday 1st February. Ruth Craggs/Hannah Neate: School of Geography, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD. Tel. 0115 951 5452 or, 0115 951 5384

Using Histories Politically (co-sponsored with HPGRG)

Organisers: Dr Richard Phillips and Dr Dave Featherstone, Department of Geography, University of Liverpool, Professor Tom Harrison, School of Classics, Archaeology and Egyptology, University of Liverpool,

Critical histories and historical geographies are animated – structured and sometimes strained – by a dual interest in the past and in contemporary political interventions. Some of the most exciting historical research and writing – Markus Rediker and Peter Linebaugh’s work on the revolutionary eighteenth-century Atlantic, Paul Gilroy’s on the memory and legacy of empire in Britain, Cole Harris’s historical geographies of colonisation and dispossession of native Canadians, to name but a few – are all rigorous studies of past people and places, while they also speak to class, race and other politics that cannot be relegated to the past. In some cases, as for example in the work of Raphael Samuel and E.P. Thompson, the past has been brought explicitly and directly to the present, through attempts to use the past in directly politicised ways.

This session explores politicised relationships between past and present, and asks what such relationships have achieved. It asks how histories – in particular, those concerned with space and place – bear upon the present and can be politically useful today. More specifically, the session will explore different *ways* in which histories are used, including:

- direct and practical applications such as the application of historical geographies of settlement colonialism to native land claims;

- indirect uses of histories, for example in imagining and drawing inspiration for radical traditions and networks;
- conversely, using history to legitimate or contest contemporary political actions, ranging from the US Neoconservative project's frequent references to the Roman Empire, to anti-Islamophobic references to early Islamic empires.
- asking what difference thinking about the past in explicitly spatial ways makes to thinking about usable pasts.
- counter-instrumentalist histories that seek not to be 'useful' but to disrupt contemporary politics and political models;

The session is also open to a wide range of histories and politics. This may include, for example, histories of class, race, gender, empire. The organisers would encourage presenters to approach this theme laterally, and would particularly welcome papers concerned with pre-modern and ancient (as well as modern) histories, and with popular and unofficial (as well as more formal) histories.

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 25 January 2008

Historical geographies of the subterranean

(Sponsored by HGRG)

Organisers: Sarah Cant (University of Plymouth) and Heidi Scott (Aberystwyth University)

The subterranean spaces that lie beneath the surface of the visible landscape have long been the focus of diverse human practices of both an embodied and an imaginative nature. These varied engagements include not only mining for natural resources, but also the use of the underground as a space of burial or concealment, of archaeological excavation and treasure hunting, of exploration and adventure, as well as a focus for literary and artistic production. There is no shortage of existing anthropological research on the varied ways in which human societies have imagined and used the subterranean. In addition, historians of science and literary critics have paid increasing attention to how the earth's interior has been conceptualised in scientific and fictional writings. By contrast, however, surprisingly limited attention has been directed towards subterranean spaces by historical geographers. It may be argued that the subterranean – understood above all in a material sense – has played a far more varied and prominent role in past geographical imaginations and practices, not only in Europe but also beyond, than existing research in historical geography appears to suggest. The proposed session, therefore, will consider potential directions for further research on this area by exploring some of the practices and ideas relating to subterranean spaces that emerged in diverse societies, times and places.

Subterranean spaces may include (but not limited to) mines, tunnels, caves, underground chambers or homes, cellars, for example. We welcome papers that will contribute to exploring historical geographies of the subterranean.

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

Matters of Interdisciplinarity: Archaeology meets Geography

Organisers: Divya P. Tolia-Kelly (University of Durham, Department of Geography), Rob Witcher (University of Durham, Department of Archaeology), Richard Hingley (University of Durham, Department of Archaeology)

In this session we aim to bring together current interdisciplinary research which bridges the disciplines of Archaeology and Geography. In recent geographical research the influence of Anthropology has been significant in the areas of *materiality* and *landscape*. Many of our archaeological colleagues are also engaged with a post-processual, approach to landscape, monuments, ruins and sites which engage with memory, phenomenology, emotional experience, sensory textures of touch, light and sound as well as making analyses of various antiquarian sites and texts through varied theoretical approaches, including post-structural theory, post-colonial theory, cultural materialism and issues raised through political economy. The session has been inspired by the AHRC's recent *Landscape and Environment* programme which has funded many interdisciplinary collaborations.

- To what intellectual effect are these interdisciplinary dialogues and partnerships?
- What do these convergences 'add' to theory and method?
- How are approaches to materiality and landscape affected and effected in this collaborative approach?

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Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31st January 2008

Imperial Geography

Convened by: Roza I.M. El-Eini

Today's world has largely been shaped by empires, some, such as the British Empire, being centuries old. It is because of these empires' role that it is important to continue encouraging and sustaining research being done in the field of Imperial Geography.

In the case of Britain, for example, its impact on and ongoing high-level contacts with the countries of its former empire, through the Commonwealth, migration, trade and other related factors, means that an understanding of the British Empire remains essential. The focus here will be on the British Empire, giving the opportunity to spotlight attention on what was once the largest empire.

The study of the British Empire within Imperial Geography readily lends itself to interdisciplinary approaches, covering a breadth of topics, including: agriculture, boundary formation, culture, development, ecology, exploration, famine, forestry, gender, history, knowledge, land, law, military, politics, population movements, social, sports, technology, town planning and urbanization. There is a great deal of important and groundbreaking work currently being done on the British Empire. The strong links of the Royal Geographical Society to the rich history of Empire, as indicated by the number of related exhibitions at the RGS/IBG (e.g., Leonard Woolf, 2006; Bombay Africans, 2007), for instance, makes the RGS/IBG Conference an especially apt platform for the support of such research. This can thereby ensure British Empire and Imperial Geography a place among the subjects of the Historical Geography Research Group, and through it, of the RGS/IBG, and of Geography in general.

Please send expressions of interest to: imperialgeography@googlemail.com
Deadline for title and abstracts (c. 200 words): 31 January 2008

HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 31st August, RGS/IBG Annual Conference, London 2007

1. Apologies for absence were accepted.
2. Minutes of last meeting were approved.
3. There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda
4. Chair's Business
 - a. Report on activities (September 2006 – August 2007)

Dr Hayden Loriner (HL)

Over the past 12 months the HGRG committee and members have continued to be active in a number of different areas, organising meetings and supporting research in historical geography. This includes the work of the committee and members in organising the 2006 undergraduate and postgraduate conference in historical geography, Practising Historical Geography, which was held at Queen's University, Belfast (28 participants). The conference was funded by HGRG and a grant from the Research and Higher Education Division of RGS-IBG (£300). While participant numbers dropped for this conference, HGRG remains committed to circulating this conference around the regions.

The committee has been actively involved in the organization of the 2007 RGS-IBG Annual Conference. In addition to our usual Postgraduate Research session organised by the committee, sessions sponsored by HGRG are:

Gender and historical geography (convenors: Nicola Thomas and Catherine Brace)

Senses and memory (convenor: Thomas Barton, Royal Holloway)

Atmospheric geographies (convenors: Simon Naylor and Mark Whitehead)

Negotiating postcolonial distance: scale, hierarchies and networks (Steve Legg, Colin McFarlane, Dan Clayton)

Liquid Landscapes (convenors: Stephen Daniels and Mike Pearson)

The judging of the 2007 dissertation prize (sponsored by CUP) has been undertaken by the guest dissertation prize judge Richard Dennis, supported by Diarmid Finnegan and Hayden Lorimer. The result will be announced at the Practising Historical Geography conference in November.

During 2006-2007 HGRG has awarded postgraduate bursaries of £100 to Bertie Mandelblatt to fund her attendance at the AAG conference in San Francisco and John Donaldson to support his fieldwork in Zambia.

b. Committee positions

HL reported that HGRG had inherited a problem about three years ago whereby several committee positions are vacant all at one time. HGRG are conscious that a full change in personnel could destabilize the necessary workings of the committee and so are keen to mix continuity with change. Accordingly, the following committee changes were proposed and voted on by members present:

Chair: end of Hayden Lorimer's tenure. The proposal by Kate Brace (seconded by David Lambert) that Hayden Lorimer should continue in post for a further two years was approved.

Secretary: End of Prof Kate Brace's tenure. The proposal by Kate Brace (seconded by Peter Merriman) that Dr Nicola Thomas should assume this role was approved.

Treasurer: End of Prof Jon Stobart's tenure. The proposal by Hayden Lorrimer (seconded by Kate Brace) that Jon Stobart should continue in this role for a further term (of three years) was approved.

Membership Secretary: end of Dr David Lambert's term. The proposal by Yvonne Whelan (seconded by Merle Patchett) that Dr Lambert should continue in this role for a further term (of three years) was approved.

Conference Officer: end of Dr Yvonne Whelan's term. The proposal by David Lambert (seconded by Jon Stobart) that Dr Heidi Scott should assume this role was approved.

Newsletter Secretary: End of Dr Nicola Thomas' term. The proposal by Nicola Thomas (seconded by Diarmid Finnegan) that Dr Jude Hill should assume this role was approved.

Hon. Editor of the Monograph Series: End of Dr Liz Gagen's period of service; currently on maternity leave. The proposal by Hayden Lorimer (seconded by Peter Merriman) that Dr David Nalley should assume this role was approved.

Ordinary member with website responsibilities: Dr John Morrissey's period of tenure is over. The proposal by Diarmid Finnegan (seconded by Merle Patchett) that Prof Kate Brace assume this position was approved.

Ordinary member with responsibilities for the dissertation prize: Dr Diarmid Finnegan still has one year to serve.

Publicity Secretary: Peter Merriman still has one year to serve.

Postgraduate member: Merle Patchett still has one year to serve.

HL welcomed new members and expressed a very large vote of thanks to all committee members standing down from positions for their service.

5. Forthcoming meetings

- a. The 12th Annual Practising Historical Geography conference will take place on Wednesday 7th November 2007 in the Department of Geography, University of Exeter with keynote lectures from Prof Charles Watkins and Prof James Ryan, and workshops from Hayden Lorimer and Prof Kate Brace.
- b. RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2008
HGRG will continue to sponsor sessions at the 2008 annual conference. Details will be circulated in the autumn. HL noted that the committee wished to create opportunities for informal discussion and a picnic lunch would be advertised prior to the 2008 annual conference.

Feedback from the 2007 annual conference will be circulated back to the RGS-IBG. Issues such as the inadequacies of the online registration system will be raised alongside the need for continued vigilance concerning clashes between parallel sessions that are of interest to historical geographers. Members raised concerns about the opportunities that are made available for HGRG to check the programme to avoid clashes. HL indicated that he was able to check the programme and request alterations.

6. Reports

- a. Hon. Secretary did not table a report
- b. Hon. Treasurer

Treasurers report to AGM, 2007

1) Balance:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance Dec 2005</i>	<i>Balance Dec 2006</i>
Treasurer	£2,699.94	£1297.74
Deposit	£4,256.30	£4347.37
Total	£6,956.24	£5,645.11

2) Major income:

RGS grant £400
Publications £230
Subscriptions £1667

3) Major expenditure:

Newsletters £928
Committee expenses £449
HGRG Postgraduate Conference expenses £1672
Post-graduate and conference support £650

4) Key points

As last year, HGRG funds continue to be healthy, though reserves continue to gradually diminish – a position which we still need to address in order to assure long-term sustainability for the research group. We need to re-examine all of our major areas of expenditure, the current position of which is outlined below.

1. We have continued our commitment to (a) making significant contributions towards the costs of post-graduate students attending conferences and (b) offering financial support to those organising conferences. Is this a luxury we can do without or central to our mission?

2. Newsletter costs continue to escalate. This is the principal means through which we communicate with our members. Should we look to move to an electronic version of the newsletter (possibly sending paper copy to those who specifically request this)? Or can we recoup some of the costs by charging for members (and others?) to include fliers for books, etc.?

3. Committee expenses are reducing. These should be lower again for 2007 as we have held one meeting by email.

4. The Postgraduate conference continues to be our largest single outlay. It seems impossible to reduce costs much below their current level. As with support for conferences, we need to ask whether this should continue to be a key area of our activity. If we continue to run the conference, do we need to make some (nominal) charge?

Members should also note that this was a light year in terms of publication costs. We need to expect major outlay in the near future for the next publication.

Prof Jon Stobart, HGRG Hon. Treasurer, 22 August 2007

Following the reading of the treasurers report HL noted that it was important for HGRG to maintain its financial security without compromising its commitment to supporting future generations of historical geographers, or communication with the wide existing body of members.

While an e-newsletter was recognised as a possible way of reducing newsletter costs it was recognised that not all members would wish to, or be able to receive a newsletter in this format. It was suggested that members could 'opt-out' of a hard copy newsletter if they wished to receive an e-version. The logistics of this would be addressed during 2007-2008 following consultation with the broader membership.

The costs of hosting the annual 'Practising Historical Geography' conference have risen significantly in recent years owing to the introduction of full economic costing. The HGRG committee suggested to the membership that it was becoming increasingly unviable to maintain this as a free event, and a nominal contribution towards the costs should be made by participants. It was suggested that £8 would be charged from 2008 which would cover refreshments for each participant. This was agreed.

c. Hon. Editor

HL reported that Liz Gagen had worked very hard to try and attract proposals and recruit copy from people to publish in the monograph series. The current publishing environment remains a challenge, however HGRG are committed to continuing the monograph series and further proposals are under consideration. A collection of papers on practicing historical geography is complete with a planned distribution date during November 2007.

d. – j. No formal reports were tabled by the following committee members: Hon. Publicity Secretary, Hon. Conference Secretary, Postgraduate Committee Member, Membership Secretary, Ordinary Member (newsletter), Ordinary Member (web), Ordinary Member. Discussion of their activities had been covered in the chairs report and general notes minuted above.

7. Any other business

None was tabled.

8. Date of next AGM

This will be held during the 2008 RGS-IBG annual conference.

Dr Nicola Thomas
Secretary HGRG, October 2007

HGRG/CUP Dissertation Prize Winner.

The HGRG are pleased to announce the winner of the joint Historical Geography Research Group/Cambridge University Press dissertation prize:

Ann Farmer (BA degree in Geography, Oxford University), writing on the title:
"Employment in Agriculture c.1760-1830 on a Surrey Farm: Work, Wages and Women"

The judging was undertaken by the guest judge Richard Dennis, supported by Diarmid Finnegan and Hayden Lorimer.

Thesis Abstracts:

HGRG are keen to provide a forum for disseminating abstracts of recently completed doctoral theses in historical geography. We encourage graduates from geography and related disciplines to submit abstracts for publication in our tri-annual newsletter. Abstracts of no more than 250 words (with relevant contact details, and following the format below), should be sent via e-mail to the HGRG Publicity Officer, Peter Merriman, p.merriman@aber.ac.uk

New Books in Historical Geography:

HGRG are keen to provide their members with the bibliographic details of newly published books in historical geography. Members are invited to forward details of appropriate books to Peter Merriman, p.merriman@aber.ac.uk

Seminar Series and Conferences:

LONDON GROUP OF HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHERS

Seminar Programme, Spring/Summer Terms 2008

HISTORICAL GEOPOLITICS

Guest co-convenor: Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway

- 15th January 2008 **David Atkinson** (University of Hull)
Diffusing geopolitics in 1930s Italy
- 29th January 2008 **Marcus Power** (University of Durham)
The commonwealth and the politics of development in post-colonial Mozambique
- 12th February 2008 **Alasdair Pinkerton** (Royal Holloway)
A new kind of imperialism: Cold War broadcasting and the contested geopolitics of South Asia
- 26th February 2008 **Richard Powell** (University of Liverpool)
Hydrocarbon histories: the geopolitics of Arctic science
- 11th March 2008 **Richard Alston** (Royal Holloway)
Transitions in space and time in the cities of the Roman empire
- Easter Break
- 20th May 2008 **Susan Reid** (University of Sheffield)
Cosy communist homes: making the Soviet apartment in the Krushchev era
- 27th May 2008 **Nicholas Baron** (University of Nottingham)
Mapping the Soviet: geopolitical cultures and control, 1918-1953
- 10th June 2008 **Cindy Weber** (University of Lancaster)
A critical geo-politics of post-9/11 US identity

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We hope to provide a forum for postgraduate students who are working on garden and landscape history in different faculties of universities. Seminars are held in the Wolfson Room of the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, Malet Street, at 5.30 pm fortnightly; all welcome.

The theme for the spring term is **therapeutic landscapes and gardens**.

- January 18: 'They are surrounded with garden space, and add not only to the beauty but to the healthiness of the city': the relationship between notions of health and disease, and the role of green spaces in late nineteenth-century texts.
Dr Clare Hickman, Bristol University
- February 8: 'I love being in the garden': the (re)enchantment of everyday life.
Dr Mark Bhatti, Brighton University and Dr Amanda Claremont, Brighton University
- February 29: Landscapes for the mind - the asylum garden as a healing tool.
Dr Sarah Rutherford, Consultant, Historic Park and Garden Conservation
- March 7: 'The factory in a garden': corporate landscape policy and social reform, 1880-1939.
Helena Chance, Oxford University

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Deserted Villages Revisited

Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester, in collaboration with the Medieval Settlement Research Group.

Saturday 21 June and Sunday 22 June, 2008

A weekend conference will be held to mark the 60th anniversary of the gathering in Leicestershire of Hoskins, Beresford, Postan, Steensberg to look at DMV sites, in June 1948.

The purpose is to recall to everyone that the study of DMVs is an interesting subject, as a way of learning about, not just social and economic changes in the 15th century, which attracted the original group of scholars, but also the variety of rural settlements (including farmsteads and hamlets) which experienced shrinkage and desertion. Complex settlement histories led to these changes, and we must seek to understand the landscape context of abandoned sites and their uneven distribution. We will also consider the insights that can be gained from the study of the DMV earthworks, and from the excavation of DMV sites, such as buildings and artefacts. The speakers will be concerned with the whole process of rural depopulation, which continued from the later middle ages into the 19th century.

We hope that this gathering will signal that DMV studies have quietly been yielding many novelties in recent years, and that new research agendas are unfolding as a result of this work.

The speakers (in order of their place in the programme) are Chris Taylor, Stuart Wrathmell, Chris Dyer, Richard Jones, David Hinton, Sally Smith, John Broad, Tom Williamson, Bob Silvester. An excursion will be guided by Paul Everson and Graham Brown.

To be held at the University of Leicester.

For more details and an application form contact C. Dyer, Centre for English Local History, University of Leicester, 5, Salisbury Road, Leicester LE1 7QR. E-mail cd50@le.ac.uk